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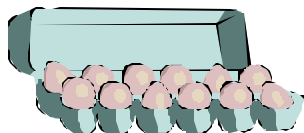
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In Atlanta and Florida, prices were slightly lower on mediums when based on previous week averages. In California, prices were higher on the large sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to instances firm, mostly steady. Retail demand was mostly light to moderate, although, at times fairly good for the scattered feature activity. Supplies were usually adequate to occasionally balanced. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully adequate for the mostly light to fairly good demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for immediate needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate and usually better where specials were advertised. Supplies on all sizes were adequate. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for current needs. Light type fowl were adequate for processing needs.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate, better where features created additional interest. Supplies were adequate on all sizes.

**CHICAGO** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are a factor. Supplies adequate.

**MIDWEST** Prices were unchanged in all areas. The trade sentiment was fully steady to at times firm. Retail demand was mostly moderate to good. Food service movement was moderate.

Supplies were usually adequate to at times in close balance. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were adequate for the mostly light to at times fairly good demand. Some sellers were holding additional product with increased confidence. Floor stocks were tight to adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices were slightly lower on mediums, unchanged on the balance. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate entering the week, with scattered feature activity generating best pull. Supplies were usually adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending March 10, 2000, was unchanged from last week, but 16.82 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings were at least adequate, however, demand was often improving. Light type hens were fully adequate for current needs.

**WESTERN** Prices in California 2 cents higher on large, unchanged on jumbo, extra large, medium, and small; in the Northwest unchanged on all sizes. The Pacific region inventory was 3% higher than last Monday with California up 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 2%. Retailer demand good, best where features in progress or planned. Offerings held very confidently.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS**, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	89-91	82-84	59-61
New York	56-58	53-56	44-47
Philadelphia	54-56	52-54	43-44
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	47-48	45.5-47	35-36
Jackson (1)	57-58	54-55	43-44
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	54-67	51-65	41-55
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	46-51	45-50	35-40
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-49	43-47	32-37
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	35-42
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	62-65	59-61	48-49
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	84	79	67
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, medium, and small; 2 cents higher on large. The California inventory was 7% higher last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings held very confidently. Small invoice price 47. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 99, 18 pack 128. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	97
EXTRA LARGE	84
LARGE	79
MEDIUM	67

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	219-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	189-239
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	179-219
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	139-179

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 17, 2000 will increase by 8 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 10, 2000 were 262,977 cases which was 6 percent above the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	226,859	36,118	262,977
% change from the prior week.....	+6	+6	+6

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were higher. Offerings were usually adequate for the mostly light to instances fairly good demand. Some sellers were holding additional product with increased confidence. Floor stocks were tight to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	25-30	26-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-14	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were adequate for a fair call for finished product. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-MAR-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-20	11-13	11.92

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority trading was unchanged to slightly lower than a week earlier. Demand was fair for fully adequate offerings. Supplies were usually sufficient for normal schedules. Undertone was about steady at prevailing price levels.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-MAR-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16.5	8.25-11.5	11.03

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# **WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Mar 13, 2000**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.0	12.3	4.7	11.7	8.4	45.1
	Change	0.0	-0.1	-0.8	-2.2	-0.2	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.2	32.2	8.1	30.7	22.0	116.2
	Change	0.1	1.4	-2.2	1.7	0.8	2%
Large	Curr Wk	49.8	89.8	45.7	68.6	96.5	350.4
	Change	0.2	5.3	-13.9	-7.9	9.8	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.5	28.4	16.4	25.1	21.0	107.4
	Change	2.0	1.1	1.7	-0.4	1.5	6%
Small	Curr Wk	3.2	6.9	1.3	13.1	3.4	27.9
	Change	-0.8	-1.7	0.0	5.2	-2.2	2%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	15.7	9.7	11.5	5.9	47.3
	Change	-0.3	2.0	3.3	0.1	-1.3	9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	37.5	67.1	14.0	32.6	47.6	198.8
	Change	3.6	4.0	0.0	-9.0	-2.3	-2%
Total	Curr Wk	142.7	252.4	99.9	193.3	204.8	893.1
Percent	Change	3%	5%	-11%	-6%	3%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	893.1	0%	166
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Shell Egg Breaking Stock	438.6	4%	40
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Total Shell Egg	1331.7	1%	206
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	162	158.9	149.9	108.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING FEBRUARY 28, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	126	126	116	76

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 10, 2000

CURRENT LOADS				19.50				FUTURE LOADS				36.00				TOTAL LOADS				55.50							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW				LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST				
GNR W 1	—	—	30.75	32.00	—	—	26.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00					
GNR W 2	—	—	29.00	30.00	—	—	1.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55.30	5.00									
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	32.00	34.00	1.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52.75	3.00									
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	25.25	27.00	2.00		GL W MD	32.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	37.86	4.50									
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																				
GL W XL	—	—	—	41.00	43.50	—	7.75																				
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	43.00	—	6.25																				
GL W MD	—	—	26.00	28.00	32.10	35.25	6.50																				
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00																				

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/04/00-03/10/00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
117.75								94.00								211.75							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	28.67	37.00	29.70	31.00	32.00	34.11	66.00	GNR W 1	—	36.00	—	—	—	—	17.00								
GNR W 2	—	—	28.50	30.00	28.38	31.83	19.00	GNR W 2	—	31.00	—	—	—	—	5.00								
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	32.00	34.00	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	64.00	1.00								
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	25.50	27.17	3.00	GL W XL	38.59	41.50	—	—	—	51.06	14.75								
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	37.00	—	—	—	—	47.91	17.50								
GL W J	—	—	51.00	53.00	51.00	—	2.00	GL W MD	26.00	26.00	25.75	—	26.00	35.35	13.00								
GL W XL	—	—	—	43.03	41.31	—	27.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	24.00	—	25.18	2.75								
GL W LG	—	30.00	37.00	38.00	38.32	—	28.50	GL BR LG	41.00	—	—	—	—	45.00	.75								
GL W MD	—	27.00	25.83	27.61	31.50	31.13	16.75	NRBS - 48	25.00	26.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W SM	19.75	—	20.00	21.50	20.88	—	5.75	NRBS - 42	17.00	19.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50																
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	26.60	28.40	28.63	30.28	19.50																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	14.00	16.50	1.00																

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 02/27/00 - 03/04/00**

Origin State	AR	CO	IN	IA	MN	MS	MO	NV	OH	OR	TX	UT	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	0	3,102	0	0	0	0	408	1,985	0	840	6,335
C. CA	800	800	0	810	0	0	0	0	830	500	960	660	5,360
S. CA	860	1,010	2,510	13,377	5,050	814	4,735	336	11,681	0	0	4,103	44,476
TTL STATE	1,660	1,810	2,510	17,289	5,050	814	4,735	336	12,919	2,485	960	5,603	56,171

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
107-110	70-73	63-66	40-43	16-19

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
51-54	42-48	40-45	29-34	23-27

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
26-28	17-19	13-15

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
60.71	51.33	41.18

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	3/6/00	2/28/00	3/8/99
PACIFIC COAST	607	120	51
LOS ANGELES	495	0	0

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR MARCH 7,2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

Receipts from the mainland: 2/27/00-3/4/00  
30-dozen cases 2,206

Receipts from the mainland: 2/20/00-2/26/00  
30-dozen cases 4,424

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